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Preliminary classification:

Proposed Class:

Subclass:

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Docket No. 30882UT1001

NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Inventor(s):

WAYNE HARLAN

WARNING:

37 CFR 1.41(a) (1) points out:

"(a) A patent is applied for in the name or names of the actual inventor or inventors.

"(1) The inventorship of a nonprovisional application is that inventorship set forth in the oath or declaration as prescribed by \S 1.63, except as provided for in \S 1.53(d)(4) and \S 1.63(d). If an oath or declaration as prescribed by \S 1.63 is not filed during the pendency of a nonprovisional application, the inventorship is that inventorship set forth in the application papers filed pursuant to \S 1.53(b) unless a petition under this paragraph accompanied by the fee set forth in \S 1.17(l) is filed supplying or changing the name or names of the inventor or inventors."

For (title):

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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10*

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I hereby certify that this New Application Transmittal and the documents referred to as enclosed therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date, September 1, 2000, in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Mailing Label No. EL548785156US addressed to the: Box: PATENT APPLICATIONS, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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	Type of Application					
This new	application is for a(n) (check one applicable item below):					
X	Original (Nonprovisional)					
	Design					
	Plant					
WARNING:	Do not use this transmittal for a completion in the U.S. of an International Application under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4) unless the international Application is being filed as a divisional, continuation or continuation-in-part application.					
WARNING:	Do not use this transmittal for the fling of a provisional application.					
NOTE:	If one of the following 3 items apply then complete and attach ADDED PAGES FOR NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF A PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION IS CLAIMED and a NOTIFICATION IN PARENT APPLICATION OF THE FILING OF THIS CONTINUATION APPLICATION					
	Divisional					
	Continuation					
	Continuation-in-part (C-I-P)					

2. Benefit of Prior U.S. Application(s) (35 USC 119(e), 120 or 121)

Note: A nonprovisional application may claim an invention disclosed in one or more prior filed copending nonprovisional applications or copending international applications designating the United States of America. In order for a nonprovisional application to claim the benefit of a prior filed copending nonprovisional application or copending international application designating the United States of America, each prior application must name as an inventor at least one inventor named in the later filed nonprovisional application and disclose the named inventor's invention claimed in at least one claim of the later filed nonprovisional application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112. Each prior application must also be:

(i) An international application entitled to a filing date in accordance with PCT Article 11 and designating the United States of America; or

(ii) Complete as set forth in § 1.51(b); or

(iii) Entitled to a filing date as set forth in § 1.53(b) or § 1.53(d) and include the basic filing fee set forth in § 1.16; or

(iv) entitled to a filing date as set forth in § 1.53(b) and have paid therein the processing and retention fee set forth in § 1.21(l) within the same period set forth in § 1.53(f). 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(1).

NOTE: If the new application being transmitted is a divisional, continuation or a continuation-in-part of a parent case, or where the parent case is an International Application which designated the U.S., or benefit of a prior provisional application is claimed, then check the following item and complete and attach ADDED PAGES FOR NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION(S) CLAIMED.

WARNING: If an application claims the benefit of the filing date of an earlier filed application under 35 USC 120, 121 or 365(c), the 20-year term of that application will be based upon the filing date of the earliest U.S. application that the application makes reference to under 35 USC 120, 121 or 365(c), (35 USC 154(a)(2) does not take into account, for the determination of the patent term, any application to which priority is claimed under 35 USC 119, 365(a) or 365(b).) For a C-I-P application, applicant should review whether any claim in the patent that will issue is supported by an earlier application and, if not, the applicant should consider canceling the reference to the earlier filed application. The term of a patent is not based on a claim-by-claim approach. See Notice of April 14, 1995, 60 Fed. Reg. 20, 195,

WARNING:	When the last day of pendency of a provisional application falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday within the District of Columbia, any nonprovisional application claiming benefit of the provisional application must be filed prior to the Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday within the District of Columbia. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3)
<u>X</u> _	The new application being transmitted claims the benefit of prior U.S. application(s) and enclosed are ADDED PAGES FOR NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION(S) CLAIMED.
3. Papers	Enclosed
	quired For Filing Date Under 37 CFR 1.53(b) (Regular) or 37 CFR 1.153 (Design)
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<u>1</u>	4_ Pages of specification 5_ Pages of claims
	Sheets of Drawing
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NOTE: "Ide doc dra	DO NOT submit original drawings. A high quality copy of the drawings should be supplied when filing a patent application. The drawings that are submitted to the Office must be on strong, white, smooth, and non-shiny paper and meet the standards according to § 1.84. If corrections to the drawings are necessary, they should be made to the original drawing and a high-quality copy of the corrected original drawing then submitted to the Office. Only one copy is required or desired. For comments on proposed new 37 CFR 1.84. Notice of March 9, 1988 (1990 O.G. 57-62). Initifying indicia, if provided, should include the application number or title of the invention, inventor's name, sket number, and the name and phone number of a person to call if the Office is unable to match the wings to the proper application. This information should be placed on the back of each sheet of drawing inimimum distance of 1.5 cm. (5/8") down from the top of the page." 37 CFR 1.84(c). (complete the following, if applicable) The enclosed drawing(s) are photograph(s), and there is also attached a "PETITION TO ACCEPT PHOTOGRAPH(S) AS DRAWINGS(S)". 37 CFR 1.84(b).
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B. Ot	her Papers Enclosed) Pages of declaration and power
	Pages of declaration and power Pages of Abstract
	Other
4. Addition	onal papers enclosed
	Amendment to claims
	Cancel in this application claims before calculating the filing fee.
	(at least one original independent claim must be retained for filing
	purposes.)
	Add the claims shown on the attached amendment. (claims added have been numbered consecutively following the highest numbered original claim.)
	Preliminary Amendment
	Information Disclosure Statement (37 CFR 1.98)
	Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08/B)
	Citations
	Declaration of Biological Deposit
	Submission of "Sequence Listing," computer readable copy and/or amendment pertaining thereto for biotechnology invention containing nucleotide and/or amino
	acid sequence. Authorization of Attorney(s) to Accept and Follow Instructions from Representative
	Special Comments
X	Other X Associate Power of Attorney
	Petition to Make Special

5. Declaration or oath (including power of attorney)

A newly executed declaration is not required in a continuation or divisional application provided that the prior nonprovisional application contained a declaration as required, the application being filed is by all or fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, there is no new matter in the application being filed, and a copy of the executed declaration filed in the prior application (showing the signature or an indication thereon that it was signed) is submitted. the copy must be accompanied by a statement requesting deletion of the names of person(s) who are not inventors of the application being filed. If the declaration in the prior application was filed under § 1.47, then a copy of that declaration must be filed accompanied by a copy of the decision granting § 1.47 status or, if a nonsigning person under § 1.47 has subsequently joined in a prior application, then a copy of the subsequently executed declaration must be filed. See 37 C.F.R. § 163(d)(1)-(3).

Note: A declaration filed to complete an application must be executed, identify the specification to which it is directed, identify each inventor by full name including family name and at least one given name, without abbreviation together with any other given name or initial, and the residence, post office address and country or citizenship of each inentor, and state whether the inventor is a sole or joint inventor. 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(a)(1)-(4).

Note: "The inventorship of a nonprovisional application is that inventorship set forth in the oath or declaration as prescribed by § 1.62, except as provided in § 1.53(d)(4) and § 1.63(d). If an oath or declaration as prescribed by § 1.63 is not filed during the pendency of a nonprovisional application, the inventorship is that inventorship set forth in the application papers filed pursuant to § 1.53(b), unless a petition under this paragraph accompanied by the fee set forth in § 1.17(i) is filed supplying or changing the name or names of the inventor or inventors." 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(a)(1).

X Enclosed UNSIGNED

executed by (check all applicable boxes)

- <u>X</u> inventor(s). legal representative of inventor(s) 37 CFR 1.42 or 1.43
- joint inventor or person showing a proprietary interest on behalf of inventor who refused to sign or cannot be reached
 - This is the petition required by 37 CFR 1.47 and the statement required by 37 CFR 1.47 is also attached. See item 13 below for fee.

Not enclosed

WARNING: Where the filing is a completion in the U.S. of an International Application but where a declaration is not available or where the completion of the U.S. application contains subject matter in addition to the International Application the application may be treated as a continuation or continuation-in-part, as the case may be, utilizing ADDED PAGE FOR NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION CLAIMED.

___ Application is made by a person authorized under 37 CFR 1.41(c) on behalf of all the above named inventor(s).

(The declaration or oath, along with the surcharge required by 37 CFR 1.16(e) can be filed subsequently.)

Showing that the filing is authorized. (Not required unless called into question. 37 CFR 1.41(d).

6. Inventorship Statement

NOTE: If the named inventors are each not the inventors of all the claims an explanation, including the ownership of the various claims at the time the last claimed invention was made, should be submitted.

The inventorship for all the claims in this application are:

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	the time the las	t claimed invention was made,	
	is submitted	will be submitted.	

37 CFR 1.16(d)

NOTE: NOTE: NOTE: WARNING	An application including a signed oath or English translation of the non-English la 37 CFR 1.17(k) is required to be filed with 37 CFR 1.52(d). A non-English oath or declaration in the CFR 1.69(b). English non-English the attached translation in 37 CFR 1.52(d). ignment An assignment of the invitial is attached. A separation pocument of the invitial is attached. A separation pocument of the invitial is attached. A separation of the invitial is attached.	enguage application to tention to tention to te "C ANYING NE M PTO 159 w application, s by 4, 1990 (111) E UNDER 37 O	ation and the pition or within standard the provided by attement the DOVER SEW PATEN 95 is also at the provided by the provide	rocessing ch time of the PTO at the tr rprises HEET T APP ttached ate letters ust be file	g fee of \$13 as may be s O need not b ranslation , Inc. FOR AS LICATIO d. s — one for the	to 00 required by set by the Office. The translated. 37 In is accurate. SSIGNMENT TO The application and
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	recording assignment (\$40.00; 37 CFR 1.21(h)) [see attached COVER SHEET FOR ASSIGNMENT ACCOMPANYING NEW APPLICATION]	\$
	petition fee for filing by other than all the inventors or person on behalf of the inventor where inventor refused to sign or cannot be reached (\$130.00; 37 CFR 1.47 and 1.17(i))	\$
	for processing an application with a specification in a non-English language (\$130.00; 37 CFR 1.52(d) and 1.17(k))	\$
	processing and retention fee (\$130.00; 37 CFR 1.52(d) and 1.21(l))	\$
	 fee for international-type search report \$40.00; 37 CFR 1.21(e)) 	\$
NOTE:	37 CFR 1.21(I) establishes a fee for processing and retaining any application complete the application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(f) and this, as well a 1.78 (a)(1), indicate that in order to obtain the benefit of a prior U.S. approach be paid or the processing and retention fee of § 1.21(I) must be junder § 53(f).	as the changes to 37 CFR 1.53 and oplication, either the basic filing fee
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<u>X</u>	thod of Payment of Fees Check(s) in the amount of \$_561.00 Charge Account No. 13-4213 in the amount of \$ transmittal is attached. Fees should be itemized in such a manner that it is clear for which put	
	1.22(b).	-

15. Authorization to Charge Additional Fees

WARNING: If no fees are to be paid on filing the following items should not be completed.

WARNING: Accurately count claims, especially multiple dependent claims, to avoid unexpected high charges, if extra claim charges are authorized.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees by this paper and during the entire pendency of this application to Account No.13-4213:

X 37 CFR 1.16(a), (f) or (g) (filing fees)

X 37 CFR 1.16(b), (c) and (d) (presentation of extra claims)

NOTE: Because additional fees for excess or multiple dependent claims not paid on filing or on later presentation must only be paid or these claims canceled by amendment prior to the expiration of the time period set for response by the PTO in any notice of fee deficiency (37 CFR 1.16(d)), it might be best not to authorize the PTO to charge additional claim fees, except possibly when dealing with amendments after final action.

X 37 CFR 1.16(e) (surcharge for filing the basic filing fee and/or declaration on a date later than the filing date of the application)

X 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)-(5) (application processing fees)

NOTE: "...A written request may be submitted in an application that is an authorization to treat any concurrent or future reply, requiring a petition for an extension of time under this paragraph for its timely submission, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. An authorization to charge all required fees, fees under § 1.17, or all required extension of time fees will be treated as a constructive petition for an extension of time in any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for an extension of time under this paragraph for its timely submission. Submission of the fee set forth in § 1.17(a) will also be treated as a construction petition for an extension of time in any concurrent reply requiring a petition for an extension of time under this paragraph for its timely submission." 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

37 CFR 1.18 (issue fee at or before mailing of Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.311(b).

NOTE: Where an authorization to charge the issue fee to a deposit account has been filed before the mailing of a Notice of Allowance, the issue fee will be automatically charged to the deposit account at the time of mailing the notice of allowance. 37 CFR 1.311(b).

NOTE: 37 CFR 1.28(b) requires "Notification of any change in loss of entitlement to small entity status must be filed in the application . . . prior to paying, or at the time of paying . . issue fee." From the wording of 37 CFR 1.28(b): (a) notification of change of status must be made even if the fee is paid as "other than a small entity" and (b) no notification is required if the change is to another small entity.

16. Instructions As To Overpayment

Note:

"...amounts of twenty-five dollars or less will not be returned unless specifically requested within a reasonable time, nor will the payor be notified of such amounts; amounts over twenty-five dollars may be returned by check or, if requested, by credit to a deposit account." 37 C.F.R. § 1.26(a).

X credit Account No. 13-4213 refund

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	Plus added pages deleting names of inventor(s) name is/are no longer inventor(s) of the subject matter cla	ed in prior application(s) who imed in this application Number of pages added
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ADDED PAGES FOR APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION(S) CLAIMED

NOTE: See 37 CFR 1.78(a).

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WARNING:

If an application claims the benefit of the filing date of an earlier filed application under 35 USC 120, 121 or (365(c), the 20-year term of that application will be based upon the filing date of the earliest U.S. application that the application makes reference to under 35 USC 120, 121 or 365(c), (35 USC 154(a)(2) does not take into account, for the determination of the patent term, any application on which priority is claimed under 35 USC 119, 365(a) or (365(b).) For a C-I-P application, applicant should review whether any claim in the patent that will issue is supported by an earlier application and, if not, the applicant should consider canceling the reference to the earlier filed application. The term of a patent is not based on a claim-by-claim approach. See Notice of April 14, 1995, 60 Fed. Reg. 20, 195, at 20,205.

(complete the following, if applicable) Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line, the following sentence:

A. 35 USC 119(e)

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"Any nonprovisional application claiming the benefit of one or more prior filed copending provisional applications must contain or be amended to contain in the first sentence of the specification following the title a reference to each such prior provisional application, identifying it as a provisional application, and including the provisional application number (consisting of series code and serial number)." 37 CFR § 1.78(a)(4).

"This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No(s).: FILING DATE(S) APPLICATION(S)

Serial No. 60/152,399

September 3, 1999

B. 35 USC 120, 121 and 365(c)

NOTE: "Except for a continued prosecution application filed under § 1.53(d) any nonprovisional application claiming the benefit of one or more prior filed copending nonprovisionals or international applications designating the United States of America must contain or be amended to contain in the first sentence of the specification following the title a reference to such each prior application identifying it by application number (consisting of the series code and serial number) or the international application number and international filing date and indicating the relationship of the applications." Cross-references to other related applications may be made when appropriate (See § 1.14(b))," 37 CFR § 1.78(a)(2).

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NOTE: The proper reference to a prior filed PCT application which entered the U.S. national phase is the U.S. serial number and the filing date of the PCT application which designated the U.S.

NOTE: (1) Where the application being transmitted adds subject matter to the International Application then the filing can be as a continuation-in-part or (2) it is desired to do so for other reasons, then the filing can be as a continuation.

The deadline for entering the national phase in the U.S. for an international application was clarified in the NOTE: Notice of April 28, 1987 (1079 O.G. 32 to 46) as follows: "The Patent and Trademark Office considers the International application to be pending until the 22nd month

from the priority date if the United States has been designated and no Demand for International Preliminary Examination has been filed prior to the expiration of the 19th month from the priority date and until the 32nd month from the priority date if a Demand for International Preliminary Examination which elected the United States of America has been filed prior to the expiration of the 19th month from the priority date, provided that a copy of the international application has been communicated to the Patent and Trademark Office within the 20 and 30 month period respectively. If a copy of the international application has not been communicated to the Patent and Trademark Office within the 20 and 30 month period respectively, the international application becomes abandoned as to the United States 20 or 30 months from the priority date

	international a respectively. of § 1.495. A pendency of t	pplication becomes aba These periods have bea A continuing application he international applicat	ndoned as to the United Indoned as to the Tule under 35 U.S.C. (1) tion."	nited States 20 or es as a paragraph 365(c) and 120 m	month period respectively, the 30 months from the priority date (h) of § 1.494 and paragraph (l) hay be filed anytime during the
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18. Re	late Back -	35 U.S.C. 119 Pri	iority Claim fo	r Prior Applic	ation
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NOTE:	ntenance of Copendency of Prior Application The PTO finds it useful if a copy of the petition filed in the prior application extending the term for response In the papers constituting the filing of the continuation application. Notice of November 5, 1985 (1060 O.G.
A.	 Extension of time in prior application (This item must be completed and the papers filed in the prior application if the period set in the prior application has run) A petition, fee and response extends the term in the pending prior application
В.	until A copy of the petition filed in prior application is attached. Conditional Petition for Extension of Time in Prior Application (complete this item if previous item not applicable) A conditional petition for extension of time is being filed in the pending prior application. A copy of the conditional petition filed in the prior application is attached.
20. Fui	ther Inventorship Statement Where Benefit of Prior Application(s) Claimed
	(complete applicable item (a), (b) and/or (c) below)
(a)	This application discloses and claims only subject matter disclosed in the prior application whose particulars are set out above and the inventor(s) in this application are the same
	less than those named in the prior application and it is requested that the following inventor(s) identified for the prior application be deleted:
	(Type name(s) of inventor(s) to be deleted)
(b) <u>X</u>	This application discloses and claims additional disclosure by amendment and a new declaration or oath is being filed. With respect to the prior application the inventor(s) in this application are X the same
	the following additional inventor(s) have been added
(c)	(Type name(s) of inventor(s) to be added) The inventorship for all the claims in this application are the same
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PATENT APPLICATION

POLYMER-MODIFIED ASPHALT EMULSION

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims the benefit of the filing of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/152,399, entitled *Polymer-Modified Asphalt Emulsion*, filed on September 3, 1999, and the specification thereof is incorporated herein by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention (Technical Field):

The present invention relates to polymer-modified asphalt emulsions, and a method and apparatus to make and use the asphalt emulsions for repairing roads and pavement. More particularly, the invention relates to stable, asphalt polymer compositions that can be applied at ambient temperatures.

Background Art:

Often conventional asphalt does not retain sufficient elasticity during use, and, also, exhibits a plasticity range which is too narrow for use in many modern applications such as road construction. To overcome this problem, various polymers have been added to asphalt to improve physical and mechanical performance. The characteristics of road asphalt and the like can be greatly improved by incorporating an elastomeric type polymer, or a random or block copolymer of styrene and a conjugated diene. Consequently, polymer-modified asphalt is routinely used in the road construction/maintenance and roofing industries. Polymer-modified asphalt generally comprises styrene butadiene-based polymers, which have raised softening point, increased viscoelasticity, enhanced strain recovery, and improved low temperature strain characteristics. However, the technical challenge remains in producing a polymer modified asphalt or polymer asphalt emulsion that is stable for long periods of time, that will strongly bind to aggregate, and in the case of the emulsions, that can be easily applied at ambient temperatures.

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The durability of road pavement is greatly enhanced by the addition of a polymer. The polymer is added for the purpose of reducing the heat sensitivity of the asphalt by increasing or extending the plasticity range, and increasing the resistance to deformation and the breaking point. It has also been shown that the performance of a properly selected asphalt polymer composition is superior to that of an asphalt not containing an added polymer. However, the problems of constituent compatibility encountered in attempts to obtain the best compromise between the performance and storage stability are difficult to overcome. European Patent EP458386 relates to a process for obtaining an asphalt polymer composition that is stable under conditions of fluidity prevailing during hot storage. The process consists of mixing at a temperature of 200 to 250°C, 85 to 98 weight percent of a selected asphalt, and 15 to 2 weight percent of a sequenced styrene/butadiene/styrene copolymer (SBS).

Polymer asphalt mixtures that are employed at the present time in heavy load applications, such as road construction and repair, often do not have the optimum characteristics at low enough polymer concentrations to consistently meet the increasing structural and workability requirements imposed on roadway structures in their construction. Common practice is to add the desired level of a single polymer, and a cross-linking agent, such as sulfur, until the desired asphalt properties are met. However, the relatively high cost of the polymer adds significantly to the overall cost of the resulting asphalt/polymer mix. Thus, it is highly advantageous to develop a polymer asphalt mix that is low in polymer concentration but still has the requisite properties. Due to the large quantities involved, cost factors weigh heavily in the practical application of any polymer asphalt mixture.

Grubba, U.S. Patent No. 5,795,929 appears to have overcome the high polymer/asphalt ratio and the incompatibility problems associated with prior polymer-modified asphalt emulsions. Grubba found that when sulfur is added as a cross-linking agent to an asphalt mixture containing both radial and linear styrene-diene copolymers (total 0.5-20 wt.%) significant property enhancements occur. Interestingly, no property enhancements were found in the absence of added sulfur. Asphalt emulsions can also be prepared utilizing Grubba's polymer modified mixture. In this case polymer-modified asphalt emulsions were prepared consisting of 60 to 80% asphalt polymer to 40 to 20% water, respectively, and an emulsifying agent. One disadvantage of the Grubba process is the need for an emulsification mill.

The emulsification mill operates at temperatures between 190° F to about 210°F, and slices the asphalt-polymer mix finely to mix it with the water to form the emulsion. The present invention does not require an emulsification mill, and the polymer modified asphalt emulsion can be prepared at ambient temperatures.

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Asphalt emulsions are desirable in many applications because of improved handling and application at temperatures lower than hot/mix asphalt resulting from the presence of an asphalt solvent or carrier phase, for example, water. For example, hot/mix asphalt, and combinations of asphalt, aggregate and a single polymer, are commonly heated to, and applied at, a temperature of 350-450°F to achieve the requisite plasticity. In comparison, an asphalt emulsion is typically heated to, and applied at, temperatures between 130-170°F to achieve the same working characteristics.

A basic emulsification requires three components: asphalt, a carrier phase (e.g., water) and an emulsifying agent. A typical emulsion is formed through addition of asphalt, any desired performance-enhancing additives, an emulsifying agent and about 20-40 weight percent of water. Once the emulsion is applied, the water evaporates, leaving the asphalt structurally bound to the aggregate or other paving material. One advantage of water-based emulsified asphalt products is that they do not use or release volatile organic compounds in quantities associated with hot-mix asphalt. Hot-mix asphalt is generally diluted with hydrocarbon solvents such as diesel fuel or naphtha to improve the workability of the product during application.

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Heightened environmental awareness has stimulated increased usage of emulsified asphalt in the road-paving industry. The type of emulsifier employed is determined by the desired application of the asphalt emulsion. In the case of rapid-set emulsions (mainly used for repair work of old pavement), the emulsion is applied on the existing surface and aggregate is spread on top. After the water from the emulsion has evaporated, an intimate mixture of asphalt and stone with good load-bearing capacity is formed. There are two basic types of emulsions: anionic emulsions and cationic emulsions. While nonionic emulsions also exist, they are used less frequently than anionic and cationic emulsions. The advantage of anionic emulsion lies in the relatively low cost of the emulsifying agents. However, as most

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of the aggregates used are negatively charged, for example, quartz and granite, the electrostatic repulsion between the negatively charged asphalt emulsion and the negatively charged stones causes inferior adhesion. This results in the asphalt separating from the stones, or what is generally known as the asphalt/stripping problem. This problem is also encountered in hot/mix applications and when cutback asphalt is used.

The quality of the road surface is generally dependent upon the strength of the bonds between the asphalt and the aggregate after curing of the composition. Poor surface performance is due to poor adhesion, which results in asphalt stripping off the aggregate surface. Asphalt compositions also have relatively poor adhesion to aggregate in the presence of water, because the aggregate prefers to be wetted by the water rather than the asphalt. As a result, the water in the emulsion interferes with the bond between the aggregate and the asphalt. The result is the formation of potholes. To reduce waterinduced debonding of asphalt from the stone surface, it is common to add surface-active amines or diamines to the asphalt. The patent literature sets forth a large number of compounds that can be used to improve adhesion of asphalt to aggregate. See, e.g., Schilling, U.S. Patent No. 5,667,578.

The present invention provides a polymer-enhanced asphalt that can be applied at ambient temperature. The present invention also provides an improved mechanical stirring apparatus.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION (DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION

The present invention is directed to a polymer-modified asphalt emulsion and a mixing/stirring/blending apparatus particularly useful for road and pavement repairs and potholes. The polymer-modified asphalt emulsion comprises bitumen, a block copolymer comprising styrene, a rosin ester and a cationic asphalt emulsion. The mixture can be applied at ambient temperature.

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The preferred block copolymer comprising styrene is styrene-butadiene-styrene (SBS), although other block copolymers may be utilized in accordance with the invention. The block copolymer may be present in powdered form. The emulsion preferably comprises between approximately 0.5 and 20

percent by weight of SBS and most preferably between approximately 2 and 15 percent by weight of SBS.

The bitumen preferably has a petroleum asphalt pen number of 10mm penetration. The emulsion preferably comprises between approximately 2 and 6 percent by weight bitumen and most preferably between approximately 4 and 5 percent by weight bitumen.

The rosin preferably comprises a high acid number and is preferably dimerized. The emulsion preferably comprises between approximately 0.02 and 2 percent by weight rosin and most preferably between approximately 1 and 2 percent by weight rosin.

The emulsion preferably comprises between approximately 20 and 40 percent by weight of water and most preferably between approximately 30 and 35 percent by weight of water.

The cationic asphalt emulsion preferably comprises an amine, such as a quatenary amine and an emulsifying agent, such as amines, primary amines, diamines, quatenary amines, imidazolene amines and combinations thereof. Preferred emulsifying agents include, but are not limited to, imidazoline dodecyl phenol, quatenary diamine phenol and combinations thereof. The emulsion preferably comprises between approximately 50 and 80 percent by weight of cationic emulsion and most preferably between approximately 60 and 70 percent by weight of cationic emulsion.

In an alternative embodiment, the emulsion further comprises an additional amine which is added to the bitumen/rosin reaction. The emulsion preferably comprises between approximately 0.2 and 0.3 percent by weight. The preferred additional amine is ditaloamine.

The invention further comprises a method of making a polymer-enhanced asphalt emulsion, comprising: a) mixing a block copolymer comprising styrene, rosin, and bitumen; b) heating the block copolymer/rosin/bitumen mixture; and c) mixing the block copolymer/rosin/bitumen mixture with cationic asphalt emulsion.

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In the preferred embodiment, the block copolymer and rosin are mixed to form a dry mixture and then this dry mixture is added to the bitumen. The block copolymer may be powdered.

The preferred compositions and reactants are discussed above. The mixture may be applied at ambient temperature to the surface being repaired.

The present invention also is directed to a mixer/stirrer/blender apparatus comprising a shaft, a plate or blade with at least one opening in the blade. Preferably, there are a plurality of plates (most preferably three plates), and a plurality of openings in at least two of the plates. Preferably there are no openings in the central plate. The plates are preferably circular. For certain applications (e.g. use in a 55-gallon drum), the plates preferably comprise an approximately five-inch radius.

The openings in the plates are preferably circular. Preferably, there are four openings in each plate (that has openings). Preferably, each opening is spaced at a ninety-degree angle from its neighboring opening with respect to a center of the plate; centers of the four openings are located at a point approximately seventy percent of a distance from a center of the plate to an edge of the plate; and a radius of each of the four openings is approximately twenty percent of a distance from a center of the plate to an edge of the plate.

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There are spacers on the shaft interposed between the plurality of plates. These spacers are preferably approximately 1/8 inch thick.

The apparatus prevents shear of the mixture being processed.

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A primary object of the present invention is to provide a polymer-enhanced asphalt that can be applied at ambient temperature to selected aggregate to pave or repair roads, pavement or other surfaces.

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A further object of the invention is to provide an asphalt emulsion with improved characteristics for handling, storage, and application.

A further object of the invention is to provide an asphalt emulsion that is applied at ambient temperatures with minimal release of volatile organic compounds (VOC) into the environment.

Another object of the invention is to provide an improved stirring/mixing/blending apparatus.

A primary advantage of the present invention is the storability of the polymer-enhanced asphalt emulsion.

Another advantage of the present advantage is the high degree of bonding between the asphalt emulsion and the aggregate.

Another advantage of the present advantage is that the mixture can be varied over a wide compositional range depending on the application.

Another advantage of the present invention is the uniform appearance of the asphalt-aggregate patch to the unrepaired portion of the road or pavement.

Other objects, advantages and novel features, and further scope of applicability of the present invention will be set forth in part in the detailed description to follow, taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, and in part will become apparent to those skilled in the art upon examination of the following, or may be learned by practice of the invention. The objects and advantages of the invention may be realized and attained by means of the instrumentalities and combinations particularly pointed out in the specification below.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The accompanying drawings, which are incorporated into and form a part of the specification, illustrate several embodiments of the present invention and, together with the description, serve to explain the principles of the invention. The drawings are only for the purpose of illustrating a preferred embodiment of the invention and are not to be construed as limiting the invention. In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a diagram of one of the outer stirrer blades of the mechanical stirring apparatus of the invention;

Fig. 2 is a component diagram of the mechanical stirring apparatus; and

Fig. 3 is a chemical structural representation of the rosin (Sylvaros PR 295) preferably used in the emulsification process of the invention.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS (BEST MODES FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION)

The present invention is of a polymer-enhanced asphalt emulsion comprising bitumen (e.g., bitumen (AC-10) from Frontier, Cheyenne, Wyoming wherein the 10 stands for a petroleum asphalt pen number of 10 for a 10mm penetration, standard test), a block polymer comprising styrene (e.g. styrene-butadiene-styrene (SBS)), a rosin ester with high acid number (e.g. Sylvaros PR-295 (chemical structure illustrated in Fig. 3) from Arizona Chemical Company, Panama City, Florida), and a cationic asphalt emulsion. Of course, other types of styrene containing block polymers known in the art may be suitable in lieu of or in addition to SBS block copolymers, for example, but not limited to styrene-ethylene-butylene-styrene (SBES) block copolymer. The term "SBS block polymer", as used throughout the specification and claims, is intended to include all styrene containing block polymers or copolymers.

As used throughout the specification and claims, the terms "bitumen" and "asphalt" are used interchangeably. The SBS block polymer is preferably mixed with the rosin to form a dry mixture.

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The rosin is preferably a high acid number rosin ester and preferably dimerized. The rosin preferably ranges between approximately 0.02 percent by weight and 2 percent by weight, and most preferably between approximately 1 percent by weight and 2 percent by weight.

The dry mixture is slowly added to the heated asphalt, and heated for preferably one to two hours at 300° F - 500° F. The heated asphalt-polymer is then added to an already prepared cationic asphalt emulsion at ambient temperature. With the specialized mixer blade of the invention, the asphalt-polymer mixes almost immediately with the asphalt emulsion with no separation or incompatibility problems observed.

The emulsion comprises some water, dependent upon the desired flow and cure characteristics of the final mixture. The quantity and type of emulsifying agent used are dictated by the desired use of the emulsion. Other molecules comprising hydroxyl groups may also be added to adjust characteristics of the emulsion. The quantity and type of emulsifying agent used in the present invention are consistent with existing asphalt and polymer-modified emulsions known in the art. Known cationic emulsifying agents that can be used in the present invention include chemical agents and clay agents. Chemical agents include, but are not limited to, nitrogen containing molecules, such as, but not limited to, amines, for example, but not limited to, primary amines, secondary amines, quaternary amines, monoamines, diamines and other polyamines. Clay agents comprise clays, such as, but not limited to, bentonite clays and the like. In particular, imidazoline dodecyl phenol and quatenary diamine phenol are used separately or in combination. The cationic emulsion preferably ranges between 50-80 percent by weight, and most preferably between approximately 60-70 percent by weight.

For the present invention, the amount of water in the final polymer-modified asphalt emulsion preferably ranges between approximately 20 and 40 percent by weight and most preferably approximately 32 percent by weight. The preferred weight percent of SBS in the final asphalt polymer emulsion preferably ranges between approximately 2 percent by weight and 20 percent by weight, and most preferably approximately between approximately 2 percent by weight and 15 percent by weight.

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The final asphalt mixture can be stored in a sealed container for at least six (6) months, perhaps longer, and used as needed.

In an alternative embodiment, the asphalt emulsion further comprises an additional amine, preferably a di-tallow quaternary amine, for example, but not limited to, DTDMAC (di-tallow, di-methyl ammonium chloride) or di-tallow amine. This amine is in addition to the amine in the cationic emulsion. This amine is added, in a small amount, to the rosin/bitumen/SBS reaction to allow particles to better or completely disperse when in the mixer apparatus of the present invention. The additional amine is present in an amount of preferably between approximately 0.2 percent by weight and 0.3 percent by weight.

The invention additionally comprises methods to repair potholes and cracked pavement, especially employing the composition of the invention described above. An example of the method when used to repair a pot hole approximately three to four inches in depth follows: The pothole is filled with approximately 3/8 inch washed silicious aggregate or other paving or surfacing material. Deeper pot holes are filled with larger, washed aggregate provided that approximately 3/8 inch aggregate is layered atop the larger aggregate. The prepared asphalt polymer emulsion, the composition of the present invention, is poured into the aggregate filled hole to a level approximately equal to that of the pavement. A small amount of additional 3/8 inch aggregate may be added to the hole. After approximately twenty to thirty minutes the asphalt/aggregate mixture is cured to the point such that the mixture can be compressed and leveled with the pavement, resulting in a patch that is uniform in appearance to the unrepaired portion of the roadway pavement.

As to cracked pavement, for pavement cracks less than approximately one (1) inch in width, the crack is preferably routed with a commercial pavement router to at least one (1) inch in width, cleared of loose sand or gravel, and filled with approximately 1/8 to 1/4 inch washed silicious aggregate. The fill step is repeated as in the case of repairing the pothole, above.

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Referring to Figs. 1 and 2, the invention additionally comprises a mechanical stirrer/mixer/blender that is used to mix the polymer/rosin mix with the asphalt and later used to mix the asphalt polymer mixture with the cationic asphalt emulsion. This facilitates the mixing of these respective components to a point achieving approximate homogeneity. The stirrer preferably comprises a shaft 10, a plurality of stirrer blades 14, and a plurality of spacers 12. The shaft 10 may be disposed in any container (e.g. a 55-gallon drum) for conducting the mixing on site. An electric drill can be used to drive the shaft 10.

The stirrer preferably has three stirrer blades. The blades are preferably approximately 1/4 inch thick and preferably disposed on top of each other with 1/8 inch washers or spacers. A useful material for the blade is aluminum, but other materials may be utilized. The blades are preferably circular with a radius of approximately five (5) inches. The stirrer blades are attached to one end of the shaft 10. Each outer blade 14 preferably has circular openings 16 (e.g. four openings), ninety degrees from one another, that are preferably centered 3 1/2 inches from the center of the blade 18. Preferably, the diameter of the openings is approximately 2 inches.

Although circular openings are shown in the drawings, oval openings could be utilized. The purpose of circular or oval openings is to avoid shear. When the liquid enters the hole, it acts as a pump and pumps the liquid over the surface of the blade. An opening of sharp edges (e.g. square openings) may cause shear. Radial velocity is used to achieve the pumping and stirring of the mixture. Likewise the blades may have more or less than four openings.

Industrial Applicability:

The invention is further illustrated by the following non-limiting examples.

25 <u>Example 1 (3.0% SBS)</u>

Bitumen (43 lbs., AC-10, Frontier, Cheyenne, Wyoming) was heated to a temperature of between approximately 300° F and 500° F. Powdered SBS with a typical molecular weight (M_w) of 1 to 1.5 million (8.6 lbs., 31/69 S/B ratio, Dexco Polymers, Houston Texas) was mixed with a rosin-ester with high acid number (0.45 lbs., Sylvaros PR 295, Arizona Chemical Co.). The polymer/rosin mixture was slowly

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added with gentle stirring using the mixing/stirring apparatus of the present invention to the bitumen at approximately 300° F to 500° F. until all the polymer/rosin mixture was added. The polymer asphalt mixture was maintained at approximately 300° F to 500° F for one to two hours and then mixed with the mixer/stirrer of the invention. The heated polymer asphalt mixture was then added to approximately thirty (30) gallons of already prepared cationic asphalt emulsion at ambient temperature. The polymerasphalt emulsion was rapidly mixed (approximately 300 to 600 rpm) with the mixer/stirrer for ten minutes.

Example 2 (4.0% SBS)

The same preparation method was used as described for Example 1 for the corresponding amounts of materials:

Bitumen:

43 lbs

SBS:

12.5 lbs.

Rosin:

0.625 lbs.

Asphalt Emulsion:

30 gallons

Example 3 (5.0% SBS)

The same preparation method was used as described for Example 1 for the corresponding amounts of materials:

Bitumen:

43 lbs.

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SBS:

17.2 lbs.

Rosin:

0.96 lbs.

Asphalt Emulsion:

30 gallons

Example 4 (6.0% SBS)

The same preparation method was used as described for Example 1 for the corresponding amounts of materials:

5 Bitumen:

50 lbs

SBS:

19.0 lbs.

Rosin:

1.0 lbs.

Asphalt Emulsion:

30 gallons

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The mixture of Example 1 was tested to repair a pothole. After 11 months to-date, the asphalt mixture of the present invention remains in good condition, with no evidence of shrinkage, cracking, sinking or other wear.

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The mixture of Example 4 was tested to repair a pothole. After 8 months, to-date, the asphalt mixture of the present invention remains in good condition, with no evidence of shrinkage, cracking, sinking or other wear.

The preceding examples can be repeated with similar success by substituting the generically or specifically described reactants and/or operating conditions of this invention for those used in the preceding examples. In particular, the weight percent of SBS in the final asphalt polymer emulsion can vary from approximately 2% to approximately 20%, and the corresponding weights and volume of the other constituents adjusted accordingly.

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Although the invention has been described in detail with particular reference to these preferred embodiments, other embodiments can achieve the same results. Variations and modifications of the present invention will be obvious to those skilled in the art and it is intended to cover in the appended

claims all such modifications and equivalents. The entire disclosures of all references, applications, patents, and publications cited above are hereby incorporated by reference.

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

A polymer-enhanced asphalt emulsion comprising: 1. 5

bitumen;

a block copolymer comprising styrene;

rosin; and

cationic asphalt emulsion.

- The emulsion of claim 1 wherein said block copolymer comprising styrene comprises 2. styrene-butadiene-styrene (SBS).
- The emulsion of claim 1 wherein said bitumen comprises bitumen with a petroleum 3. asphalt pen number of 10mm penetration.
- The emulsion of claim 1 comprising between approximately 2 and 6 percent by weight 4. bitumen.
- 5. The emulsion of claim 4 comprising between approximately 4 and 5 percent by weight 20 bitumen.
 - The emulsion of claim 1 wherein said rosin comprises a high acid number. 6.
- The emulsion of claim 1 wherein said rosin is dimerized. 25 7.
 - The emulsion of claim 1 comprising between approximately 0.02 and 2 percent by weight 8. rosin.

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- 9. The emulsion of claim 7 comprising between approximately 1 and 2 percent by weight rosin.
- 10. The emulsion of claim 1 comprising between approximately 20 and 40 percent by weight5 of water.
 - 11. The emulsion of claim 10 comprising between approximately 30 and 35 percent by weight of water.
 - 12. The emulsion of claim 1 comprising between approximately 0.5 and 20 percent by weight of block polymer comprising styrene.
 - 13. The emulsion of claim 12 comprising between approximately 2 and 15 percent by weight of block polymer comprising styrene.
 - 14. The emulsion of claim 1 wherein said cationic asphalt emulsion comprises an amine.
 - 15. The emulsion of claim 14 wherein said amine comprises a quatenary amine.
- 20 16. The emulsion of claim 1 wherein said cationic emulsion comprises at least one emulsifying agent selected from the group consisting of amines, primary amines, diamines, quaternary amines, imidazolene amines and combinations thereof.
 - 17. The emulsion of claim 16 wherein said cationic emulsion comprises at least one emulsifying agent selected from the group consisting of imidazoline dodecyl phenol, quatenary diamine phenol and combinations thereof.
 - 18. The emulsion of claim 1 comprising between approximately 50 and 80 percent by weight of cationic emulsion.

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- 19. The emulsion of claim 18 comprising between approximately 60 and 70 percent by weight of cationic emulsion.
 - 20. The emulsion of claim 1 wherein said block copolymer comprises powder.
 - 21. The emulsion of claim 1 further comprising an additional amine.
 - 22. The emulsion of claim 21 wherein said additional amine is added to the bitumen/rosin.
- 23. The emulsion of claim 21 wherein said additional amine comprises between approximately 0.2 and 0.3 percent by weight.
 - 24. The emulsion of claim 21 wherein said additional amine comprises ditaloamine.
- 25. A method of making a polymer-enhanced asphalt emulsion, the method comprising the steps of:
 - a) mixing block copolymer comprising styrene, rosin, and bitumen;
 - b) heating the block copolymer/rosin/bitumen mixture; and
- c) mixing the block copolymer/rosin/bitumen mixture with cationic asphalt emulsion.
- 26. The method of claim 25 wherein step a) comprises the steps of mixing the block copolymer and rosin to form a dry mixture and adding the dry mixture to the bitumen.
- 27. The method of claim 25 wherein step c) comprises mixing a cationic asphalt emulsion comprising an emulsifying agent selected from the group consisting of amines, primary amines, quaternary amines, imidazolene amines and combinations thereof.

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- 28. The method of claim 25 wherein step c) comprises mixing a cationic asphalt emulsion comprising an emulsifying agent selected from the group consisting of imidazoline dodecyl phenol, quaternary diamine phenol and combinations thereof.
 - 29. The method of claim 25 wherein step a) comprises mixing powdered block copolymer.
- 30. The method of claim 25 wherein step c) comprises mixing using a mixer/stirred/blender apparatus comprising a shaft, a plurality of plates attached thereto, and a plurality of openings in at least two of the plates.
- 31. The method of claim 25 further comprising the step of applying the emulsion to a surface at ambient temperature.
 - 32. An apparatus for mixing/stirring/blending asphalt comprising:

a shaft;

at least one plate attached to said shaft; and

- a plurality of openings in said at least one plate.
- 33. The apparatus of claim 32 comprising three plates.
- 34. The apparatus of claim 33 wherein a central plate has no openings.
- 35. The apparatus of claim 32 wherein said plate(s) are circular.
- 25 36. The apparatus of claim 35 wherein said plate(s) comprise an approximately five-inch radius.
 - 37. The apparatus of claim 32 wherein said plate(s) comprise circular openings.

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- 38. The apparatus of claim 32 wherein said plate(s) comprise four openings.
- 39. The apparatus of claim 38 wherein each said opening is spaced at a ninety-degree angle from its neighboring opening with respect to a center of said plate.
- 40. The apparatus of claim 38 wherein centers of said four openings are located at a point approximately seventy percent of a distance from a center of said plate to an edge of said plate.
- 41. The apparatus of claim 40 wherein a radius of each of said four openings is approximately twenty percent of a distance from a center of said plate to an edge of said plate.
- 42. The apparatus of claim 32 additionally comprising a plurality of plates and a plurality of spacers on said shaft interposed between said plurality of plates.
 - 43. The apparatus of claim 42 wherein said spacers are approximately 1/8 inch thick.
 - 44. The apparatus of claim 32 preventing shear of a mixture being processed.

POLYMER-MODIFIED ASPHALT EMULSION

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A polymer-modified asphalt emulsion and a mixing/stirring/blending apparatus particularly useful for road and pavement repairs and potholes. The polymer-modified asphalt emulsion comprises bitumen, a block copolymer comprising styrene, a rosin ester and a cationic asphalt emulsion. The mixture can be applied at ambient temperature.

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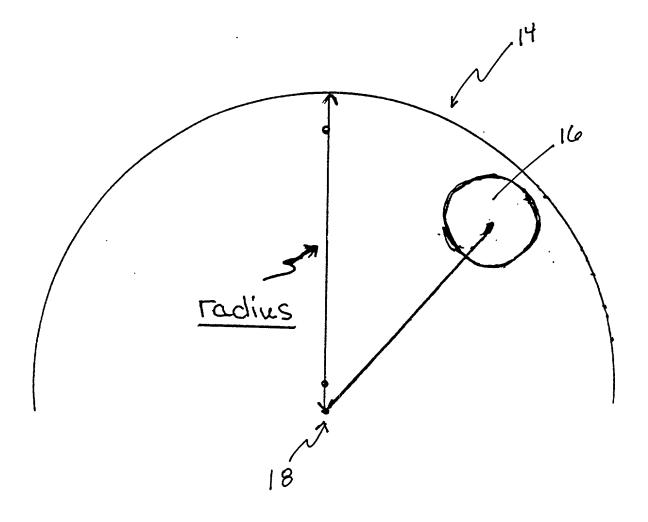
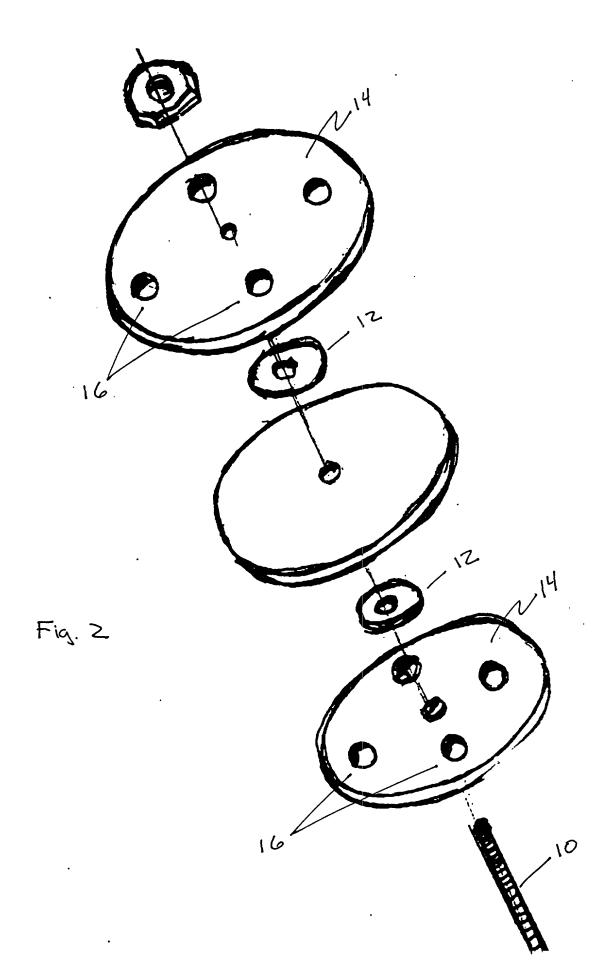
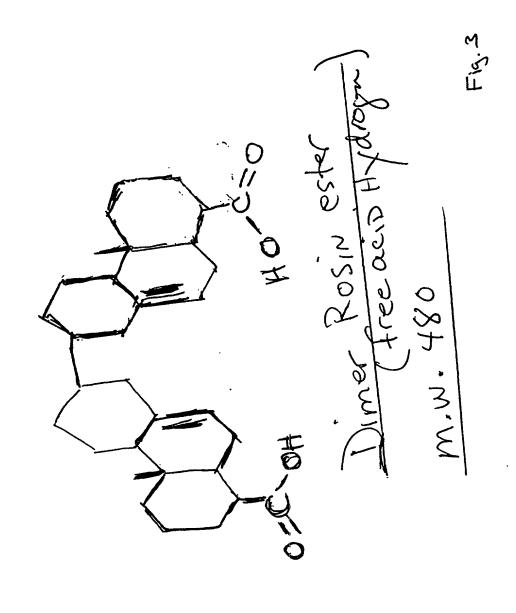


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TITLE OF INVENTION

POLYMER-MODIFIED ASPHALT EMULSION

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